

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT

Entertainers and Those Willing to Be Entertained Resting Through the Heated Term.

A Scheme Taking Shape for Combining All Classes of Healthful Amusements.

Movements of People Prominent in Society—Prospective Enjoyment—General Notes.

The doldrum season is upon us—essentially a lazy season when even the ubiquitous fly seeks a cool corner where there is no fly paper or settles down on the bald pate of the drowsy baby with an intuitive perception that he is not likely to be disturbed—and the social world has already quietly succumbed to the influence of the heated spell. An occasional picnic and a little tennis in the cool of the evening, in which, I am glad to see, the ladies are now taking an active part, is about all there is left to stir the placid surface of the social whirlpool.

This is hammock season and I noticed the other evening in one of the most shaded and certainly the most popular gardens on Broadway, many hammocks between two trees, two snowy muslins, but there were more than four feet between them, and while gazing while on the singular apparition from beneath a cloud of cigarette smoke and some straw hats there emerged men. All the male specimens were cooled in one hammock, while the two fair maidens encouraged them to talk such nonsense as only men will talk under such circumstances. It certainly looked inviting but also dangerous, and recalled vividly to my mind some verses I was once guilty of writing, and as a warning I will publish them.

SUMMER FANCIES:
Oh, A Midsummer's Nightmare.
THE IDEAL.

Hammock slung between two trees,
Cigarette, new book and breeze,
Lemonade with "just a squeeze,"
Bachelor not hard to please.

Snowy muslin wandering by,
Drowsy eyes, half-smoked stich,
Causing man to wonder why
Gordian knot is laid to rest?

Happy thought not quite evolved,
Sudden fancy, half resolved,
Introduction, quite involved,
Question very nearly solved.

Better for a settled life:
What is home without a wife?
While with meditation rife
Undressed socks mean endless strife.

Moonlight walk's a dangerous thing,
Headless of mosquito sting,
Murmure low and lullabies stife,
Business settled with a rife.

Hammock full of bachelors,
Bachelors all in infant row,
Loving mother wonders how
Child can rattle father's brow.

A SOCIAL CLUB PROJECT.

A meeting was held on Friday afternoon at H. A. Harlow's office for the purpose of organizing the club. The idea formulated is simply to combine all such amusements as amateur theatricals, dancing, tennis, archery and athletic sports under one head to form a stock company having in view the purchase of ground, the erection of a suitable club house or casino, where all these sports can be enjoyed, having, of course, a theatre, ball room and all the luxuries of a private club similar, perhaps, to the Newport Casino. Stock will be issued, which it is expected will prove valuable in the natural advance of real estate and, with the growth of Helena, the desire to become members of such an organization.

Among those present at the initial meeting were Messrs. R. A. Harlow, Joseph P. Reed, R. S. Hill, George H. Hill, Stephen Carpenter and Will Wallace, Jr. A temporary organization was formed with R. A. Harlow as president and R. S. Hill as secretary. Another meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening next, at Mr. Harlow's, when, in addition to the gentlemen already named, it is hoped others will be present. The scheme, if carried out, will prove not only popular, but, I venture to say, peculiarly successful. Helena needs just such a social organization and can very readily support it.

SAVINGS AND DOINGS.

R. H. Floyd-Jones has gone fishing. Hervey Barbour contemplates building a new house on Knob hill.

Butte is deep in private theatricals at present, and there is a proposition on foot to get the company over to Helena in order that we may have a taste of their quality.

T. C. Power reached New York en route for Helena on Monday last. He expects to be with us about the 10th. Mr. Power is stopping over partly on account of his health.

Mrs. Carrie Newbergh Pitts gave a sociable at her home to the Congregational church, on Friday night, which was largely attended, and proved a very enjoyable and successful affair.

Dr. Thomas Jefferson Murray, of Butte, was married in Indianapolis July 24, to Miss Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Keiley, of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Murray will be at home to their friends in Butte after Aug. 10.

The opening of the Broadwater hotel will be an event of some importance in the social world, and fully five thousand people are expected to attend, but, as a gentleman remarked, even McAllister's party would be lost to sight and memory dear in the swimming bath.

The members of St. Paul's Methodist church prepared a picnic for the surprise of their pastor, Rev. A. D. Raleigh, on Thursday evening last, by calling at the parsonage and presenting him and Mrs. Raleigh with a handsome silver tea set and one or two other little tokens of regard in order to demonstrate the high respect and esteem in which they hold them. Music and social converse followed the presentation, and a very pleasant evening was thus passed.

The invitation extended by Col. and Mrs. C. A. Broadwater on Wednesday morning last to numerous lady friends to visit Wilder lake and enjoy the novelty of a real body of water, together with shade, in Montana, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by those participating. Wilder lake will doubtless prove a great picnic resort now that it has passed into the hands of Col. Broadwater and his conferees. A special car was placed at the disposal of the party by Col. Broadwater, which safely conveyed them there and back again.

The pleasure of driving a tandem in Helena was fully demonstrated the other evening, when two gentlemen driving on Main street encountered the salvation army, and the equine leader, evidently not being of a religious turn of mind, turned out of the narrow path and wanted to make a new road in the direction of the hospital. Mr. Reed curbed his enthusiasm, however, and said he felt strongly tempted to either make him a convert or break up the army. And apropos of driving, would it not be a good thing if some of the holes on Broadway and Rodney street should be filled up? Between the salvation army and these pits of destruction there will be trouble.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Henry S. and Edgar Ames, of St. Louis, are the guests of Oscar Bradford.

J. G. Baker and wife, Miss Fannie Baker and Miss Lennie Neidringhaus, a daughter of the well known congressman of St.

Louis, are passing through Helena en route for the Park.

Miss Annie Flowerree leaves Monday for a two weeks' visit with her brother at his Sun river ranch.

Miss Annie Thompson, of Quincy, Ill., it is said will attend the Broadwater hotel opening the 23d inst.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kleinschmidt and H. M. Parthen and family have returned from their trip to the South.

Miss Topsy Bishop, who has been visiting Miss Louise Mau, of this city, returned to her home in Butte on Monday last.

Col. C. D. Curtis has returned from a brief outing, in which he visited a mine of which he is a part owner and which makes him a millionaire, in expectation at least.

Mrs. O. J. Salisbury returned from Boise City, Idaho, last week, where she has been spending the past month with her husband, who is a member of the Idaho constitutional convention.

Mr. R. T. Newcomb, of Quincy, Ill., the newly elected president of the great straw board trust, will arrive in Helena today.

His daughter, Miss Newcomb, the guest of the Misses Flowerree, will accompany him when he returns home.

Miss Lizzie Kennedy, of Jacksonville, Florida, arrived by the Manitoba yesterday for a summer's visit to her brother, the editor of the Boulder Age, and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Trippett, of Deer Lodge.

Miss Gertrude Reiffenrath returned yesterday from a three weeks' visit with her sister, who is teaching at the Dearborn. Miss Reiffenrath will begin her fourth year's work in the schools of this city in September.

Miss Mimi Flannigan, of St. Louis, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Floyd Jones. Miss Flannigan is one of the most popular young ladies socially, who has visited Helena, and in the opinion of a great many of the unmarried men would do well to take up her residence permanently among us.

William J. Bickett, assessor of Lewis and Clarke county, was quietly married by the Rev. F. D. Keiley, on Wednesday evening, to Mrs. E. Sweet. The bride and groom are well and favorably known in Helena social circles, and the good wishes of a host of friends will go with them on their wedding tour.

James U. Sanders has just returned from a trip through the park in company with Mrs. C. B. Crumbe, of New York. The latter gentleman was a classmate of Mr. Sanders at Columbia college. Mr. and Mrs. Crumbe and family expect to remain in Helena a few days before going east.

BREWING.

A MINUTE.

Why Sixty Seconds Was Chosen as the Sixtieth Part of an Hour.

Fortnightly Review: Why is the hour divided into sixty minutes, each minute into sixty seconds, etc.? Simply and solely because in Babelonia there existed, by the side of the decimal system of notation, another system, the sexagesimal, which counted by sixties. Why that number should have been chosen is clear enough, and it speaks well for the practical sense of those ancient Babylonian merchants.

There is no number which has so many divisors as 60. The Babylonians divided the sun's daily journey into 24 parasangs, or 720 stadia. Each parasang or hour was subdivided into 60 minutes. A parasang is about a German mile, and Babylonian astronomers compared the progress made by the sun during one hour at the time of the equinox to the progress made by a good walker during the same time, both accomplishing the same distance. The whole circumference of the sun during the 24 equinoctial hours was fixed at 24 parasangs, or 720 stadia, or 360 degrees.

The system was handed on to the Greeks, and Hipparchus, the great Greek philosopher, who lived about 150 B. C., introduced the Babylonian hour into Europe. Ptolemy, who wrote about 150 A. D., and whose name still lives in that of the Ptolemaic system of astronomy, gives still wider currency to the Babylonian way of reckoning time. It was carried along on the stream of traditional knowledge through the Middle Ages, and, strange to say, it sailed down safely over the Niagara of the French revolution. For the French when revolutionizing weights, measures, coins and dates, and subjecting all to the decimal system of reckoning, were induced by some unexplained motive to respect our clocks and watches, and allowed our dial to remain sexagesimal, that is, Babylonian, each hour consisting of sixty minutes. Here we see again the wonderful coherence of the world, and how what we call knowledge is the result of an unbroken tradition of a teaching descending from father to son. Not more than about 100 arms would reach from us to the builders of the pyramids and enable us to shake hands with the builders of the oldest pyramids and to thank them for what they have done for us.

NICARAGUA CANAL WORK.

A Good Start Made in the Preparatory Line on the Proposed Canal.

Reports from Greytown say work upon the Nicaragua canal continues steadily. It is admitted on all sides that the "little misunderstanding" between Nicaragua and Costa Rica will soon be settled in an amicable manner. Both the Nicaraguans and the Costa Ricans are warmly in favor of the immediate pushing forward of the work of construction.

The health of the construction corps is remarkably good. Out of 700 men now employed only seven are in the hospital, and of these a majority are sufferers from slight accidents. The engineers in charge of the different camps are greatly disappointed with the laborers imported from Jamaica, preferring the Nicaraguans, who, however, owing to the sparse population, cannot be had in very large numbers. Arrangements have been made, in view of this fact, to engage men from the neighboring islands and different coast towns.

Most of the work now being done is to prepare the way for the steam navies and dredges. The latter will not be able to set to work until the protecting breakwater is finished. The terminus of the construction railroad at Greytown has been laid out, and office buildings, warehouse and engineer's quarters are being erected around it. Some of the engineers have erected pretty little palm shock huts, planted gardens and surrounded them by wire fences, thus making comfortable abodes.

In the gang of 175 men which recently reinforced the party at Greytown from Port Limon there were two Calcutta coolies. They slipped in by mistake and were promptly shipped back to Dimon, as the canal company's concessions prohibit the use of coolie labor along the canal works.

A WAR HORSE.

"One of the funniest incidents that happened under my observation during the late war," said Col. Mosby, "occurred in a cavalry fight in the Shenandoah valley, along in 1864. In the midst of a sharp cavalry engagement with Sheridan's men in a charge near Berryville, there came rushing like a whirlwind into the ranks of our ranks a soldier on a big black horse. A score of men tried to stop him and driver, but the old black's blood was up, and he went on clean through our lines before he was under control. The rider was sent to Libby prison, and we mustered the black charger into the confederate service. A few days later we charged some of Custer's men, and I'll be damned if that old horse didn't return the compliment by carrying a 'rebel' into the federal lines, and never came back."

A TRUE POKER STORY.

A Series of Surprises on the Opening of a Jack Pot.

Boston Herald: Four gentlemen were playing poker the other evening, not a hundred miles from the corner of Columbus avenue and Dartmouth street, when a most extraordinary distribution of the cards occurred. A jack pot had been made, and at the end of the second deal one of the players opened it. The gentleman next "stayed," while the third "came in" and raised the first bet \$2. The opener "stayed," as did also No. 2. When the cards were thrown around the opener, after a little hesitation, called for one, the next player for two, and the third also hesitated and asked for one. The opener then bet the limit, the second player raised him \$2, while the third played for \$6. The first player saw both bets and went \$2 better, while No. 2 called. No. 3, however, went \$2 "harder," which brought a call from No. 1.

"What have you?" he asked.
"A diamond flush," was the reply.
"I have a diamond flush also," said No. 2.

"And I drew to the four, five and six of diamonds," chimed in No. 3, "and filled a straight."

The players looked at each other in astonishment. Every diamond in the pack was out. But there was still another surprise coming.

"What did you open with?" asked No. 3.
"Two queens, but when you raised I figured your hand for 'threes,' and as I thought there was a better chance of my getting a flush than finding another queen, I threw one of them away, and drew to the four flush a diamond, which showed my calculations were all right."

"Well, if that isn't strange," replied No. 3. "I also split a pair, having two jacks in my hand, to draw to a flush. When it came my turn to bet I thought it about time for me to fill a flush, as I had been unsuccessful in half a dozen attempts during the evening, so I gave you a raise, trusting to get another diamond, and my calculations did not go amiss."

Now it was No. 2's turn to speak. Said he: "The stake was so large that I held my mind to try for it; and, as I held the four, five and six of diamonds, I thought possibly that I might get a straight or two more diamonds. My supposition was also a correct one."

After the players had scratched their heads for a few moments and taken some thing out of a bottle shaped something like a pumpkin seed, the play was resumed.

In analyzing the hands which had been dealt on the original deal two of the diamond suit were received by the three players mentioned, which left but two of that suit in the pack, as I have said to the players who needed them. The above was an actual occurrence, and for a most extraordinary freak at poker is put against all that the imaginative writers can produce.

MOOSE HUNTING.

Forest and Stream: The few moose yet in Maine's woods bring no inconsiderable money annually to the state. I have been told of one man who spent \$5,000 in Maine trying to kill a moose, and he has neither secured the moose nor given up the task. It would be greatly to the benefit of hunters who wish to call moose if the law was changed so as to make September an open month, for only during the September moon is there a reasonable prospect of success in calling moose. It was once my pleasure to meet a sportsman just in from moose calling. His Indian had called a moose to the woods, but he was unable to get him to come out of the bushes, and a shot into the shadows was unsuccessful. Said the hunter: "I have never seen any sport in moose calling. I could hear the moose coming for an hour, and when he came down off the hills to the water I could think of nothing but a locomotive on the track and running through the woods. I have killed no moose, but that experience was worth all the trip. It is a pity I made my hair stand on end to hear that moose come. Yes, sir; it was worth \$150 of any man's money."

That distention of the stomach which many people feel after eating, may be due to improper mastication of the food; but, in most cases, it indicates a weakness of the digestive organs, the best remedy for which is one of Ayer's Pills, to be taken after dinner.

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